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## ATC FAMILY NEWSLETTER



### From The Skipper: CAPT Steven Truhlar

Welcome to the latest edition of the Aviation Training Center's Family Newsletter. I hope you find it an easy, informative, and useful read. I'm sure you are aware that a lot is happening here and I'd like to take a few moments to brag about ATC's contributions to Coast Guard Aviation. I'm convinced we save lives by developing and providing quality training. Our HC-144 Ocean Sentry team epitomized ATC spirit by developing a new airframe and complex sensor system from a prototype concept into an honest-to-goodness Guardian now dutifully standing the watch. The

H-60T "Tango" helicopter avionics upgrade promises to bring unprecedented situational awareness to the pilots and aircrews, ultimately helping to save the lives of those we are assigned to protect. The H-65 helicopter is leapfrogging from one upgrade to the next and the H-65 team is keeping pace managing the training for this more complex, more capable gear, not to mention producing 25% more copilots. The HU-25 Falcon team is also turning out a record number of copilots in an effort to grow fleet fixed-wing experience to meet the future increase in required pilots. Our distant teams in the HC-130H and HC-130J Branches in Clearwater, FL and Elizabeth City, NC, respectively, continue to move those programs forward as well. Aside from our aircraft, the Training Division is carrying on myriad pro-

jects in the Sensors, Rescue Swimmer (excuse me, AST), Aviation Medicine, Shipboard-Helicopter, and Special Missions Branches. Our Advanced Helicopter Rescue School (AHRS) is a world-class course we run at Cape Disappointment, OR. Here at ATC, hundreds of pilots receive initial or proficiency training annually. We are about to go to work on unmanned aerial systems (UAS) this summer; don't worry, we won't be flying them out of Mobile or over your house! Our Operations Division continues to respond promptly to distress calls while steadily transitioning from the HU-25 Falcon to the HC-144 Ocean Sentry. None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedicated work of Facilities, Supply, Administration, and Medical personnel making sure the heartbeat of

ATC is healthy. We are in the spotlight here at ATC and frequently host visiting political officials, admirals, foreign dignitaries, and the media. Like I said, a lot going on...

Even with all of the amazing programs, aircraft, and facilities we are blessed with, it didn't take long for me to realize our most impressive feature is our people. It takes skilled, hard-working people to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain these state-of-the-art training aids, aircraft, equipment, and facilities. I am constantly amazed at their dedication and talent. Many of these talented Guardians are married and many have children.

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### ATC CMC: AMTCM Jimmy Tatham

Hello ATC Family,

The past few years have been extremely busy here at the Aviation Training Center (ATC). We've dealt with hurricanes, built a new hanger, added a new airframe and stood up several new programs, just to mention a few. These tasks

presented enormous challenges to all of our personnel, challenges easily met due to the strength and perseverance of the men, women and families stationed here at ATC. I want to sincerely thank you all for your hard work and dedication that allowed us to meet these challenges. The success of ATC depends on all of its members regardless of rate, rank, or position. To those leaving us this summer I wish you and your families the best. "Fair Winds and Following Seas" Thanks!

To all our newcomers,

welcome to Mobile, AL, home of the BayBears and one of Coast Guard's largest Aviation Training facility. It is an honor to have you as part of our team here at ATC. I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant trip. Whether you've been stationed here before or not, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised and once you get used to the occasional hurricane you will enjoy your tour of duty here.

With that said, June 1<sup>st</sup> starts the 2009 Hurricane season. This year the experts

are predicting 14 named storms with 7 of them becoming hurricanes. Even though these are just predictions, it never hurts to be prepared. Have a plan! In the event we need to evacuate, ATC has two hurricane representatives assigned to help you and your families with the process. ATC conducts a yearly hurricane briefing for the families to explain the process. This years briefing should take place sometime in early June. We will get

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## Morale Welfare & Recreation

The ATC MWR Rental Gear Locker has extended its hours of operations to 6:00pm on weekdays and 1100am - 4:00pm Saturdays. Times are subject to change without notice.

ATC has a recycling program, which besides benefiting the environment, provides a yearly boost to the ATC Morale Fund. Participate in our recycling program by submitting your aluminum cans to the ATC MWR office and/or at the various blue recycling containers located throughout ATC. For more info contact the ATC MWR office at 251-441-6730.

## ATC Galley Hours

### Monday-Friday:

Breakfast	0630-0730	\$2.30
Lunch	1100-1300	\$4.25
Supper	1700-1845	\$4.25

### Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast	0700-0830	\$2.30
Lunch Brunch	1100-1230	\$4.25
Supper	1630-1730	\$4.25

FAMILIES ARE INVITED

## Servicing Personnel Office

One of the most important things a military family must do is sign up for a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege card (ID card). This registers the card holder in the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) program which authorizes medical care. It should be noted that your ID Card has an expiration date and should be renewed early to prevent loss of benefits. For more information concerning ID cards please call the ATC Mobile ID Card office at (251) 441-6717.

### ***Recently Married? Had a child?***

Enrolling a Dependent in DEERS

The following documentation is required to enroll a dependent in DEERS:

#### **Spouse**

Original Marriage Certificate or state certified/sealed marriage license  
Social Security Card.  
Original Birth Certificate

#### **Child** (Under age 21; includes adopted children and stepchildren)

Social Security Card  
Marriage Certificate for Stepchild is required.  
Original Birth Certificate, or  
Certificate of Live Birth, or  
Hospital Certificate of Live Birth, or  
VA Form Letter 27-656b for children of deceased DAV, or  
Adoption Decree, Adoption Papers, Adoption Certificate or Adoption Registration

*Already have a dependent ID Card? Almost expired?*

*Here's what to do and bring.*

#### **Sponsors Signature**

All Sponsors must be present with their dependents, or have their dependent bring in a DD Form 1172 (Application for an ID Card) signed by the Sponsor before an ID card can be issued. For more information regarding requirements please contact the ID Card Staff. (Continued on page 9)



## Health Services Division

### Optometry

Services are available on Wednesdays by appointment only. A limited number of non-active duty appointments are available. Please call to check on the availability. Exams for dependents are limited to beneficiaries ages 5 and up enrolled in TRICARE Standard.

Note: Active duty members needing glasses are required to have an exam every 2 years and have 2 pairs of glasses (NOT including contact lenses) at all times.

Eyeglasses may be ordered through the lab during regular working hours.

### Pharmacy

Services are available Monday through Friday 0800-1200 and 1300-1600. Services may be limited to clinic patients after 1530 based on prescription load and Tuesday afternoons for training.

Prescription refills: Prescriptions previously filled at the ATC Pharmacy should be called in to 441-5418.

Please leave a message with the patient's name and prescription number.

### Immunizations

Limited services provided by appointment only for prime or standard non-active duty beneficiaries age 2 and up. Please call to inquire. Active duty members may walk in Mon, Wed, and Thu 0900-1000 and 1330-1530. Patients must remain in the

clinic for 20 minutes after receiving any immunizations to ensure there are no adverse reactions.

### Booking Appointments On-Line

#### TRICARE on Line

The clinic is happy to begin offering on line appointment booking (through TRICARE On Line) as another option for accessing the clinic. To begin booking appointments on line, you must first register. Please follow these steps:

1. Log onto <http://www.tricareonline.com>. Click on "I Agree."
2. At the top of the next page, click on "Appointments."
3. At the bottom of the next page, click on "[Register Now as a Beneficiary Only!](#)" and complete the registration. Most of the information requested is intuitive, but please note your My Family Member Prefix (FMP) is "20." The remaining steps will take you through establishing a user name and password.
4. Once completed, click on "Appointments" and log in using your new user name and password. Once logged in, move to the bottom of the page and select either "new problem/not urgent" (routine appointments) or "new problem/urgent" (acute appointments) and click "submit" to assess the availability of appointments to meet your needs. The page will also allow you other options for booking appoint-

ments with either of our medical providers.

Please note you can still call for medical appointments (441-6725).

#### From The Skipper, (Continued)

Spouses and children play a vital role in our workforces' health and well-being. Family should be high on your priority list; it is mine. A worker at ATC is likely to be more productive, focused, safer, and happier if their family is well-taken care of. Family support programs, if done right, can make life and work better. This newsletter will hopefully answer questions you may have and perhaps make you aware of programs you were unaware of. In any event, keep in mind that there are trained professionals ready to assist you and answer your questions. In addition to our employees, our volunteer Ombudsman, Robin English, is my direct representative for spouses and I encourage you to call her if you just can't find answers or if you feel you've reached a dead end. I promise you she will pass that information on to me. The spouses club ([www.militaryallspousesclub.com](http://www.militaryallspousesclub.com)) is a great way for spouses to meet friends, have fun, and be a part of a support network.

Be proud of what the team here at ATC is doing and know that your support and sacrifices are appreciated as a key to success.

Kindest regards,

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 Coast Guard Health Benefits Advisor:

## Facilities Engineering Division



**Bates Field, 1952**

The property now known as ATC Mobile has undergone tremendous change since its inception in 1948 as Bates Field.

It wasn't until 1966 that the Coast Guard took over the property. An airman assigned to the fledgling training center in 1966 would have encountered only a handful of facilities at his disposal. In 1966, the CG took over the following buildings from the Army Air Force: Deluge system pump house, Supply, Hangar 1, Fitness Center (formerly the base fire house), Well Pump House adjacent to FTS, FACENG, Pyrotechnic storage, Administration Building (commonly known as the front office), and a handful of others. Also, where the fitness center parking lot now resides, there used to stand a water tower (see photo above). At the time, ATC owned and maintained a fair amount of its water supply.

Now, there are more than 50 structures scattered throughout this property. You might notice in passing that the aforementioned buildings do have an older look about them. Especially buildings like Supply and FACENG which each have a distinct industrialized "no frills" appearance. Next time you walk around this base, keep an eye out for these older buildings and compare them to our newer ones. You might develop an appreciation for these aged buildings or you might find that you prefer the more modern structures.



**ATC Mobile, 1970**

Now let's zoom to the present. Here on the former Bates Field, we are building our second simulator building at a cost of roughly \$6M. We are transforming the old NVG training room in FTS to accommodate the new Air Crew Weapons Trainer that is coming this summer..

Also in the works for this fiscal year is phase two of the water main renewal. This phase will involve the pipe under Marlin St and will affect the old hangar, supply, composite shop, facilities engineering, MWR, Gulf Strike Team, and the fuel farm.

Expect to see a few small renovation projects in both hangars that are in direct support of the crew augmentation that will occur this transfer season. Finally, the basement of the barracks (the former Embry Riddle office area) will be renovated sometime before the end of this calendar year and will serve as the new home for SPO.

That's all for now!

-LCDR V. Streitmatter, Facilities Engineer



**ATC Mobile, 2006**



## Operations Division



A lot of excitement has occurred and OPDIV has been experiencing a period of rapid growth since the last newsletter. This is in no small part due to the arrival of the Coast Guard's newest aviation asset, the HC-144A OCEAN SENTRY. ATC has officially become the first unit to stand the watch with the HC-144A's first duty on 06 February 2009.

As part of the change over process the HC-144A requires 50 percent more pilots and aircrew to accomplish the Coast Guard's expanding Maritime Domain Awareness Mission. In order to position ATC to be fully operational by the 01 October deadline seven additional pilots and one OS have reported aboard to augment OPDIV.

As a result we would like to welcome the following personnel: LCDR Jeffery Frye is coming from CGLO Pensacola where he was a flight school instructor and is the Public Affairs Branch Chief. LT Eric Wilson is coming from flight school and is one of our Public Affairs Officers. LTJg Julian Middleton is also coming from flight school and is the HC-144A Transition Officer and Disaster Preparedness Officer. LTJgs James Freeman, Julie Padgett and Nathaniel Souleret are all recent graduates coming from flight school. LTJgs Thomas Hood and Calvin Jones are direct commission aviators from the Navy and will be joining us after



their transition course to the HC-144A in Sevilla, Spain. OS2 Thomas Tapia is our newest OS joining the Communications Support Staff and is coming from CGC TORNADO.

We would also like to take a moment to say farewell to OSC Erin Thorpe and OS1 Nichole Clark who will be departing this summer. OSC Thorpe is on her way to USCGC BOUTWELL, while OS1 Clark is going to Sector Baltimore. It's great to see these excited new faces and we wish fair winds and following seas to those departing.

OPDIV has been busy with transitioning the HC-144A into an operational role, maintaining a SAR posture for the Gulf of Mexico, and responding to Hurricanes GUSTAV and IKE. This would not be possible if not for the support from the OS staff. OSC Thorpe and OSC Caviness both graduated from the Chiefs/NCO Academy, while OS2 Tapia coordinated a highly successful blood drive. During Hurricane IKE, ATC was the base of operations for 22+ aircraft from four different air stations and was able to get aircraft on scene for the M/V ANTONINA which lost power in the path of the storm. Additionally, flights were conducted for the Mineral Management Service to assess damage to oil platforms in the gulf. These flights were instrumental in stabilizing oil prices in the wake of

the storm.

Closer to home, the HU-25 had some significant SAR cases dropping dewatering pumps to vessels in distress. OPDIV was diverted from a fisheries patrol for an 80-foot wooden vessel taking on water with 30 people on board. The ready crew quickly set up and dropped a dewatering pump which was initially reported as having "missed the boat by 6 inches." The quick action of the crew saved a million-dollar vessel and kept 30 people out of the water. More recently, OPDIV was launched to support D7 in the search of four football players that were overdue from a fishing trip. OS2 Tapia was on the CGC TORNADO which located the overturned vessel and lone survivor. As a testament to the Coast Guard's adaptability, sorties were flown by the HU-25 and the HC-144 in the search effort for the missing people. As we have already said OPDIV is well into its transition from the venerable HU-25 Guardian to the HC-144 Ocean Sentry. The first duty (and ready SAR case) was stood by CDR Doug Nash, LTJg Jamison Ferriell, AMT1 Shane Uhl, AET1 Brian Sowers, AET2 Jordan Rude and AET3 Blair Doten, pictured above. They responded in the middle of the night to an INMARSAT C distress notification from a 78-foot fishing vessel 225 nautical miles southwest of Mobile. They arrived on scene and determined it was an accidental distress activation.

ATC and OPDIV will be setting the standard for Coast Guard Maritime Domain Awareness flight operations by refining the expanded capabilities available in the HC-144A.

-CDR B. Lisko, Operations Officer

## Safety Division

### ATC Safety Division News



With Memorial Day weekend behind us, we now begin the "critical days of summer." It marks the end of the school year, which, for many families, means vacation and travel. On Memorial Day we remembered those who gave their lives in defense of our nation. Beginning with Memorial Day weekend (and ending with Labor Day weekend), we concentrate on the "critical days of summer" because off-duty mishap rates traditionally spike during that period.

Unfortunately, the critical days of summer too often claim the lives and well-being of Coast Guard members involved in motor vehicle and off-duty recreational mishaps. The vast majority of these mishaps are preventable, because more often than not they involve: drinking and driving; lack of seat belt use; fatigue; inexperience in recreational activities; and drowning. At the same time we know the steps that must be taken to eliminate these senseless mishaps: operational risk management (both on and off duty), situational awareness, and more often than not, just plain common sense.

For the majority of motor vehicle mishaps, not using seatbelts, drunk driving, and driving while fatigued are the biggest killers. Buckling up can prevent nearly half of all injuries and deaths. In most states and aboard all military installations, buckling up is mandatory. If you are driving cross-country with your family, drive realistic distances before stop-

ping for the night. Make sure you drink plenty of fluids, be rested, and switch drivers, if possible. Always allow for ample travel time - do not race against the clock. If you are going to be late, call ahead and don't push your limits.

Here is some sound advice for you to consider:

Wear your seat belts whenever you are in a vehicle. It doesn't matter if you are driving or are just a passenger in the back seat. Seat belts can be the difference between a fatal accident and a simple one (besides it's the Law).

Ensure you get plenty of rest before long trips. The general rules are:

Schedule your trip to avoid driving during normal sleep hours.

Ensure you are completely rested prior to departure/return from trip.

Plan for at least a 15-minute rest stop every two hours.

Limit driving to 400 miles per day or no more than 10 hours on the road.

With summer sun comes summer temperatures. Heat injuries, one of the most common summer injuries, can easily be avoided with just a few simple measures. Remember to drink lots of water, wear light colored clothing, and use sunscreen whenever you plan to be out in the elements. Familiarize yourself with the many symptoms of a heat related injury; heat rash, cramps, exhaustion and the most dangerous of all, heat stroke. To cool off, many of you will be heading out to the beach or a dip in the pool. Be safe around water. Drowning is the leading recreational killer of military members. Most occur during boating excursions and often involve alcohol use.

As you participate in summer picnics and water sports, be careful. Do not blaze off into the woods aboard an all-terrain vehicle unless you wear proper safety gear, know how to operate the vehicle, and are familiar with your route. The same goes for personal watercraft (boats and jet-skis). Never

forget that alcohol dehydrates, so if you are at a picnic, drink plenty of water and only moderate amounts of alcohol, and use sun block. Do not drink alcohol if you're operating any watercraft. Know your physical limitations when you participate in sports, but especially those taking place under a hot, summer sun.

Enjoy the summer, but ensure you take all the precautions to ensure it is fun, and that all our memories are good ones. Our goal is not a 50 percent reduction in mishaps. Our goal is zero mishaps.

As always, we in the Safety Department consider it a privilege to help each of you have a safe, happy and healthy tour at ATC Mobile. Please feel free to contact us with any safety related questions or concerns. We remain committed to providing a safe environment for our Coast Guard family.

LCDR Anthony J. Nygra  
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## Aviation Engineering Division



It has been an exciting year for all of us in the Aviation Engineering Division. The HC-144 and the MH60T have completed their respective Operational Testing and Evaluation (OT&E) phases of development and have begun their operational duties. The HU-25 is beginning to handover the Watch to the HC-144 and the H-65 has been busy graduating students and working around large plastic tents in their hangar.

The HC-144 has enjoyed a great deal of publicity as of late with a cover story in the fall 2008 issue of *Wings of Gold*. The story and photographs from acclaimed photographer Ted Carlson, retells the story of the HC-144's first operational mission when it was diverted from a training flight when two F-15s collided in the Gulf of Mexico. The HC-144's crew, with CPO Freeman's head in the "bubble" window, located a survivor and then assumed "On Scene Commander" duties as helicopters arrived to recover the pilots. This rescue would not have been possible without the greatest asset in the HC-144 shop, the personnel assigned. Over the last year we have witnessed a great deal of new members arrive and some dear friends depart for either retirement or a new duty station. The list is too long to fit the confines of this page, but the HC-144 shop would like to extend an invitation to all our friends and family members to stop by and take a tour of the Coast Guard's newest aircraft.

The H-60 shop has completed their OT&E and are gearing up for a busy time of aircraft swaps as all the H-60J

model aircraft undergo an extensive avionics upgrade to become H-60T models. The OT&E phase required some of our members to travel around the country to test the new equipment – even as far away as Alaska to measure the effectiveness and reliability of the new equipment. We are sad to see some members depart including: AMT1 Sinde, AMT1 Lonidier, AMT1 Rogers, and AMT1 Huckel all retired after faithful service. AMTCS Gagliano is heading back to NOLA, AETC Smith is heading to E-City along with AMT1 Kilroy, AETC Pereira is reluctantly departing to Kodiak, and AMT1 Karl "The Truth" Williams will be leaving for San Diego. These departing members are passing the torch to the new members including: AET3 Mitchell, AMT3 Peterson, AMT3 J.C. Smith, AET3 Black, AMT2 Huerta, AET2 Humpal, AET3 McDonald, AET3 Sumner, AET2 Latta, AMT3 Dalton, and AMT3 Knouse.

The H-65 shop has had a hectic year as we have switched tail rotor designs and have ramped up operations to support all the new students required to fill some of the Coast Guard's expanding missions. The H-65 shop has welcomed many new members and had to say good-bye to departing friends and colleagues as well. Our H-65 shop's family has continued to grow with these proud new additions: Michael and Cristina Courneya welcomed their new baby, Logan Aleksander on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>; Logan weighed 6 lbs 7 oz. Phil and Shannon Powell have a new baby girl, Madelyn Powell. Nick and Jaimy Savva are proud parents of Kaileigh, born Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 5lbs 11 ozs. Andy Green and his wife Andrea, both work at ATC, are beaming from baby Devin born on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 lbs 7 ozs. Colten Robertson, born Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 lbs 8 ozs is making parents Jeff and Stacy proud. Finally, Paul and Hannah Hill had baby Kayden at 6 lbs 7 ozs on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Starting 01 October 2009, the HU-25 Shop at will step down from standing

the ready and pass the watch to the HC-144s to stand guard. The HC-144s started standing some of the watches on 6 February as we gradually shift this responsibility. Our beloved HU-25s have been an operational work horse at ATC Mobile for the past 26 years and as we hand the Search and Rescue reins over, we will still provide maintenance ready aircraft to support the HU-25 Training Division. It is a tumultuous time as HU-25 shop members work with the detailers on their next assignments or move across the ramp to the HC-144 shop to once again stand the ready. We will miss our HU-25 shop members departing this summer including: AMT2 Sippel and AMT3 Mino departing for Kodiak, AMT3 Bryant departing for Clearwater, and AET2 Schmidt departing for Corpus Christi.

Our heroes in the Rescue Swimmer shop have taken time away from signing autographs and posing for pictures to plan their upcoming departures or expand their families. AST1 Aguilar's wife Elizabeth gave birth to a healthy baby girl, ASTC Lathrop is preparing for a tour in beautiful Traverse City, AST1 Elkins is heading to the dark side of ATC known as TRADIV, AST2 Lapolt is departing north to ATTC to train new swimmers, and AST3 Jordan heads west to rescue the fine folks around the Houston area. As we sadly watch our heroes depart, we are happy to see their replacements arrive including: AST3 Ciekot and AST3 Estevane from A school, ASTC Wells from Kodiak, AST2 Cottrill from sunny Miami, AST2 Leahr returns from Hawaii, AST3 Foss and AST3 Moore all the way from Texas, and AST3 Strange from California.

-CDR C. Hatfield, Aviation Engineering Officer

## Ombudsman News



Hello! I am honored to introduce myself as your Ombudsman. My name is Robin English, wife to Tom, and mom to Sarah age 11, Gracie age 8 and Tommy age 5. Our family moved to Mobile July 2005 and we enjoy the area.

I am a stay-at-home mom and am involved in a variety of volunteer activities. I belong to the Military All Spouses Club and have found that to be a great way to meet and support other military spouses. My personal hobbies are reading, having coffee with the girls and golf.

So what exactly is an Ombudsman?

An **Ombudsman** is a volunteer (who may be a spouse, reservist, or auxiliaryist) that is designated by a Command to serve as a link between the command and families, assisting the command in its functions of providing information and related services to families regarding sources of assistance available to them, Coast Guard and command policies, and activities of interest to family members.

### What Your Ombudsman Can Do:

- She/he is a liaison between the Command families and the Command.
- She/he can direct a grievance or a suggestion to the proper department.
- When a crisis arises at home, an Ombudsman can refer you to the best resource for help or professional guidance.

- She/he can familiarize you with a variety of organizations.
- She/he is a source of information and outreach. They can pass on information to changes affecting the military families.
- She/he can keep you abreast of ship/unit movement, if applicable.

### What is Not Within the Role of an Ombudsman:

- She/he cannot address military problems between the member and their Command.

She/he is not a substitute for professional counselors.

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at future functions! Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have.

607-7650 home phone – please make non-emergency calls before 9pm.  
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Robin English

### ATC CMC, (Continueud)

the date out as soon as it has been determined. Remember, the best way to protect your family is to be prepared.

Once again, welcome to ATC!

A Family Disaster Plan from the NOAA website:

\*Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.

\*Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.

\*Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.

\*Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.

\*Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.

\*Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

\*Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.

\*Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.

\*Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

\*Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.



## Servicing Personnel Office (continued)

The following are the only acceptable forms of ID in order to receive an ID card.

Expired ID cards are not a valid form of ID.

	Group B
Unexpired U.S. Military card	Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)
Unexpired Military dependents ID card	Certificate of Naturalization (INS Form N-550 or N-570)
Driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the U.S. provided it contains a photograph.	Foreign Passport
ID Card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities provided it contains a photograph.	Unexpired Reentry Permits (INS Form I-327)
U.S. Passport	Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (INS Form I-571)
U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Mariner Card	School ID with a photograph
Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (INS Form I-151 or I-551)	Voter's registration card
Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (INS Form I-688)	Native American tribal document
Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (INS Form I-688A)	Drivers license issued by a Canadian government authority
Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by the INS which contains photograph (INS Form I-688B)	U.S. social security card issued by the Social Security Administration
	Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)
	Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the U.S. bearing an official seal
	U.S. Citizen ID Card (INS Form I-197)
	ID Card for use of Resident Citizen in the U.S. (INS Form I-179)
	Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS
	<b>For persons under the age of 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:</b>
	School record or report card
	Clinic, doctor or hospital record
	Day-care or nursery school record

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